

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2004

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CHAIRMAN: KEN ALLEN
VICE CHAIRMAN: MARION WRIGHT
ADMINISTRATOR: ANNA HUBBARD CATON
COUNTY ATTORNEY: DONNIE MCDONALD

COUNCIL: JEAN MCLEAN, JEFF QUICK,
MICKEY ROGERS, CORRIE H. PLATO,
DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, KEN ALLEN,
EDMOND BLUE, AND MARION WRIGHT

* ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Pam Jackson, Citizen – made a presentation to express her concerns over the EMS coverage in the Wallace area. She asked Council to take her concerns into consideration and expressed that changes needed to take place.

Mr. Samuel McCollum, Citizen – Mr. McCollum addressed Council citing concerns and questions about the new Recreation Commission.

Mr. McCollum expressed his concerns over not having any water or facilities at the park in Clio. He explained that the water pump has been stolen and that they have been unable to obtain water from the County Water Company.

Mr. Ken Allen, Chairman explained that having the water pump stolen is a police matter. It was also explained that the Water Company is Marlboro Water Company, a privately owned company which County has no control over. He advised Mr. McCollum that the county would work to get water to the park.

Ms. Betty Bryant, Citizen – addressed Council with her concerns over the park in Clio. She stated there were no facilities were available for going to the restroom. She stated the children had to go behind cars and into the edge of woods. She stated that someone had gone out to the park and had parties leaving behind items for the children to see. Water pumps are stolen, signs are stolen, and the fence is torn down deliberately. She said no food can be sold because no facilities are available. She asked Council for help.

Mr. Ken Allen, Chairman stated that we will try to help them and the area needs involvement from the local police. He said it will not do us any good to put anything there if there is no one to take care of it and police it.

Mr. Allen said that some of the problems were beyond the scope of Council. The law enforcement would have to be involved along with the community. He stated we would help to get the park up and running. We can put the needed items there, but we could not police it. Law enforcement would have to be contacted for protection.

Mr. Billy Freeman, Support Services Director – made a brief presentation updating Council on his department progress. He stated that his department provides service for twenty-five plus properties – ten buildings which are taken care of daily. The other properties are on an as needed basis. The services cover all housekeeping needs and any assistance a department needs. He explained that the services are provided by janitorial staff and inmate labor in which they handle all electrical, plumbing, carpentry and HVAC repairs. He said his department is presently working on renovation of a room at the Court House for the Judicial system. They are also renovating a room on the fourth floor of the Administration Building for the 911 system. He advised that exterior painting at the Court House would begin in November after Court is over as well as pruning of the trees, beginning the first phase of the Landscaping project. Clemson Extension has advised regarding pruning and removal of trees. The Landscaping project is to be completed in the spring.

Dr. Carolyn Prince made the suggestion to place the sundial at Lindsay Park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 14, 2004

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean approving the minutes of October 14, 2004. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 501B – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MOBILE HOME REGULATIONS AND LICENSING IN MARLBORO COUNTY – SECOND READING

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean approving the Second Reading of Ordinance # 501B – An Ordinance to amend the Mobile Home Regulations and Licensing in Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE # 587 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF BENNETTSVILLE – SECOND READING

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato approving the second reading of Ordinance # 587 – An Ordinance to approve the conveyance of Real Property to the City of Bennettsville. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE # 545A – AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF MARLBORO COUNTY – SECOND READING

Mr. Donnie McDonald, County Attorney advised that this is an amendment to replace the Ordinance which was passed at the October meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick to approve the Proposed Amendment to the Ordinance by the Planning Commission. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Marion Wright to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 545A – An Ordinance to Revised the Zoning Ordinance of Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 588 – AN ORDINANCE TO POSTPONE REASSESSMENT – FIRST READING.

Ms. Caton, County Administrator discussed briefly. She explained postponing for a year would not be of any major consequence to the County Tax base.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato approving the first reading of Ordinance # 588 – An Ordinance to postpone reassessment. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 589 – AN ORDINANCE GRANTING EASEMENTS TO MARLBORO WATER COMPANY – FIRST READING

Motion made by Mrs. Jean McLean, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue approving the first reading of Ordinance # 589 – An Ordinance granting easements to Marlboro Water Company. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION # 04-10-01 – FORMAL ACCEPTANCE FOR OPPORTUNITY GRANT

Ms. Caton explained this is a grant awarded to the county from the Department of Commerce for improvements to projects in the City of Bennettsville. An intergovernmental agreement was signed and submitted to S.C. Department of Commerce for this grant.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mrs. Mickey Rogers approving Resolution 04-10-01 – a Resolution for formal acceptance for the Opportunity Grant. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR SCOTT AIR PACKS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SUITS

Ms. Caton advised an Emergency Preparedness grant will cover the purchase of these items and no local bids were received.

Scott Air Packs – Bids received were - Hagemeyer: \$23,977.20 Self Breathing and \$5,914.80 for Spare Air Bottles, Carolina Equipment: No Bid, Municipal Emergency Service Group: \$19,979.96 and \$5,067.48, Ferno Washington: No Bid, Safety Plus: \$23,377.92 and \$5,801.22, USA Blue Book: \$26,991.78 and \$6,828.03, and Global Protection (Warehouse): No Bid. **Staff recommended Municipal Emergency Service Group.**

Motion was made by Mrs. Jean McLean, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick approving the bid for the Scott Air Packs to Municipal Emergency Service Group for \$19,979.96 for Self Breathing and \$5,067.48 for Spare Air Bottles. Vote in Favor: Mr. Ken Allen, Mr. Edmond Blue, Mr. Jeff Quick, Mrs. Jean McLean, and Ms. Corrie Plato. Opposed: Dr. Carolyn Prince. Abstained: Mrs. Mickey Rogers. Motion Carried.

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SUITS (Coverall w/Hood & Booties). – Bids received were Hagemeyer: \$2,433.76 Suits and \$896.76 for Coverall & Booties, Carolina Equipment: \$2,061.70 and \$1,433.65, Municipal Emergency Service Group: \$2,728.40 and \$455.28, Ferno Washington: Bid received after opening, Safety Plus: \$2,401.01 and no bid for Coverall & Booties, Global Protection (Warehouse): \$1,962.61 and \$409.39, and Safety Products: \$2,077.60 and \$492.90. **Staff recommended Global Protection (Warehouse).**

Motion was made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean approving the bid for Hazardous Material Suits with Coverall & Booties to Global Protection (Warehouse) in the amount of \$1,962.61 and \$409.39. Vote in Favor: Mr. Ken Allen, Mr. Edmond Blue,

Mr. Jeff Quick, Mrs. Jean McLean, Mr. Marion Wright. Opposed: Dr. Carolyn Prince. Abstained: Mrs. Mickey Rogers and Ms. Corrie Plato. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Edmond Blue, seconded by Mr. Marion Wright to add item to the Agenda for acceptance of a Grant for purchase of radios for the Sheriff's Department. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue to accept the Grant for Radios for the Sheriff's Department. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue to add item to the Agenda concerning part-time Magistrates pay issue. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to pay the part-time magistrates for responsibilities taken while the chief magistrate was on medical leave. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

APPOINTMENTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue to approve the appointment of Ms. Elizabeth Covington to the Marlboro County Recreation Commission to serve District 8. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Mrs. Jean McLean to approve the appointment of Ms. Elaina Jacobs to the Marlboro County Recreation Commission to serve District 5. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – ANNA HUBBARD CATON, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Caton presented the Administrative/Financial Report.

Expenditures are at 36% through the 31st of October, 2004.

Bond ratings for the County were upgraded from BAA3 to BAA2 based on improvements in the County's financial condition. Conditions were reviewed from 1997 until the present.

A letter was received from Northland Cable Company expressing their desire to enter into informal negotiations to renew their franchise which will expire August 2007. Northland Cable

advised they will forward a proposal for consideration in the near future. Mr. Allen requested that a copy of the proposed agreement be forwarded to all Council members.

The EMS agreement with Marlboro Rescue will expire at the end of this fiscal year. Ms. Caton noted the Public Safety Committee negotiated with Marlboro Rescue and formatted the current agreement. She advised that she would proceed with negotiations as directed by Council.

Ms. Caton explained that she has not yet met with the CDC concerning their formal request. She has spoken with Mr. Lester, who advised the facilitator they had planned to use had issues and had to back out. Ms. Caton has a meeting scheduled with the CDC and will forward information received to Council.

Ms. Caton attended the SEMA Conference with Partnership funding. A Press release regarding the trip will be in the Florence Morning news. Approximately forty leads were obtained and the Eastern Alliance will follow up and coordinate with the counties.

The Grant Writer and Part-time EPD positions were both advertised with no responses for the contractual grant writer position. The grant writer position will be advertised as a regular position. Ms. Caton stated that the EPD position had very little response and requested a Personnel committee meeting.

The ETV Road Show has been scheduled for November 18th. Ms. Caton was asked to participate in a two to three minute interview. She stated possible topics would be Recreation, Economic Development or Public Safety.

Mrs. Caton advised she would be setting up a Transfer station committee meeting with Waste Management soon.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST

No comments.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Caton read the invitation to all Council members for the dinner to be held at the Bennettsville Community Center for Charles English on December 8th in honor of his retirement from the Sheriff's Department.

Mrs. Mickey Rogers explained that she has had discussions with Mrs. Georgia Tennant concerning the animal humane society. Mrs. Tennant is in desperate need for funding and help. Mrs. Rogers has spoken with a girl scout leader with the possibility of volunteers. Mrs. Rogers asked that they tried to find ways to help her and stated that she was willing to work with Mrs. Tennant. Mr. Allen advised if Mrs. Rogers would keep Council updated, they would try to help.

Ms. Corrie Plato advised Ms. Betty Bryant that she is on the Public Safety Committee along with Mr. Wright. She advised she would do everything she could do to address the issues in Clio.

Dr. Carolyn Prince stated that she was concerned with the health and safety of the citizens in the county and noted Mrs. Jackson from the Wallace area keeps coming back. She requested that the Public Safety Committee review the situation of EMS coverage or lack of it in Wallace and provide feed back to Council for definitive things Council can take a look at and be better informed before going into negotiations for next year.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes were adopted December 9, 2004

Susan E. Rivers, Clerk to Council